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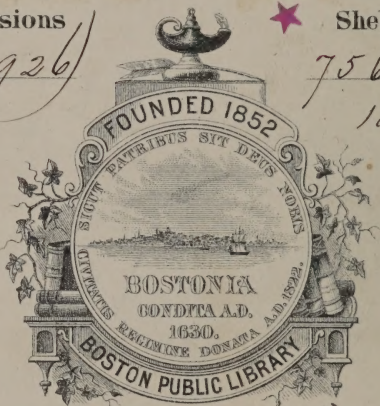
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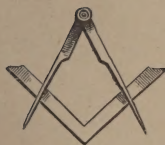
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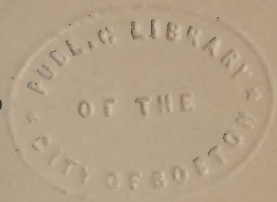
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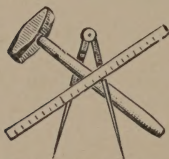
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Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

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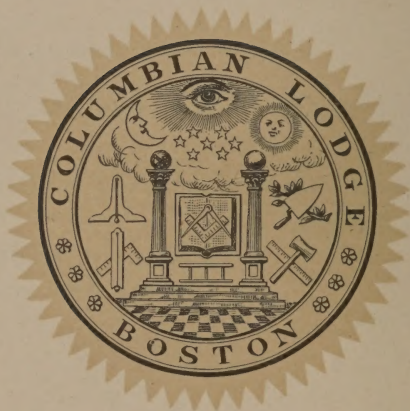
THE following Code of By-Laws was approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Grand Lodge.

CHARLES H. TITUS,
Recording Grand Secretary.

(Seal.)

Since 1874, portions of the By-Laws have been from time to time amended and new ones added ; the various changes have been approved by the Grand Lodge, and duly certified by the Recording Grand Secretaries.





BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

THE LODGE.

SECTION 1. COLUMBIAN LODGE shall be composed of a Worshipful Master, a Senior and a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Senior and a Junior Deacon, a Senior and a Junior Steward, with such other officers as the Master may appoint, and as many Master Masons as shall be regularly admitted members.

THE SEAL.

SECTION 2. The Seal of the Lodge shall be as heretofore established, and in accordance with the accompanying representation. [See opposite.]

ARTICLE II.

ELECTIONS.

The first five officers shall be chosen by written ballots, at the Regular Communication in December, annually, by a majority of the members present, and shall perform the duties of their offices, respectively, until others are elected and installed in their stead. All other officers shall be appointed by the Master.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. A Brother who has been raised to the degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, shall become a member of Columbian Lodge, by signing the By-Laws, paying the established fee, and passing a satisfactory examination as required by Article XII, Section 5 of these By-Laws. Provided, however, the same be done within six months of the time of receiving that degree; if he neglect to do so, he can become a member only by application, investigation, and election, as provided for in the succeeding paragraph of this Section.

Any Master Mason who has received his degrees elsewhere, or who has been raised in this Lodge, but has not availed himself of the privileges granted in the preceding paragraph, may on application be admitted

a member of this Lodge under the following conditions : he shall stand proposed at least to a subsequent communication, and his name shall be upon the notification for the communication at which the application is to be acted upon : a strict inquiry shall be made into his moral character by an Investigating Committee ; he must receive the unanimous consent by ballot of the members present, shall pay the established fee, and shall sign the By-Laws, before he shall be recorded a member. Should the applicant be accepted, but neglect for six months to sign the By-Laws, he shall renew his application before he can be recorded a member.

BADGE.

SECTION 2. The badge of membership, to be worn by members of Columbian Lodge, shall be a jewel of gold, or silver gilt, and enamel ; and shall conform to the following design : within a ribbon bearing the name of the Lodge and date of its institution, a head of Columbia on a blue enamel ground and surrounded by emblems of Corn, Wine, and Oil. The jewel shall be suspended by a blue ribbon from a clasp bearing the Lodge motto " SEMPER UBIQUE." *

* Permission to wear this jewel was granted to Columbian Lodge by a Special Warrant of the M. W. Grand Master, under date of April 8, 1881.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.

SECTION 3. Any member about to leave town for one or more years, may, at his own request, have his membership suspended, provided all his periodical dues are paid. But from the time of suspension all his privileges of membership shall cease, until, on his return, he shall in writing inform the Lodge of his wish to exercise his rights of membership.

DELINQUENTS.

SECTION 4. Any member neglecting to pay his periodical dues for two years, may be suspended or expelled from the rights of membership by a majority of the members present at any regular communication, due notice of the time and place of the proposed action of the Lodge having been served upon him; but the Lodge may remit the dues of a delinquent Brother by regular vote. A copy of this By-Law shall be enclosed with a bill of dues to the delinquent.

A deceased member, whose periodical dues shall have been paid to the preceding December, shall not be considered a delinquent: his account shall be balanced.

SECTION 5. No member shall be elected or appointed to office, unless he shall have paid all assessments due by him to the Lodge.

BENEFIT.

SECTION 6. If any deceased member leave a widow or orphans, notwithstanding he may owe the Lodge, such widow or orphans shall forthwith be presented by the Master and Wardens with the sum of thirty dollars: provided, however, the widow or orphans of a member not residing in Boston at the time of his decease, shall inform the Lodge of her or their place of residence.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SECTION 7. No Brother shall be made an Honorary Member, unless his name for such membership shall be on the notification for the communication at which the proposition is to be acted upon, and he receive seven-eighths of all the votes cast.

SECTION 8. Any member who shall purchase an exemption from periodical assessments during life, shall never be affected by any future vote or By-Law relative to quarterages or periodical assessments.

QUARTERAGES.

SECTION 9. Each member (Honorary Members, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Chaplain, the Inside Sentinel, and the Tyler excepted) shall be assessed forty-one and three-fourths cents each month, which shall be payable at the regular communication in December, annually, except when the membership is withdrawn or suspended, in which case all dues shall be paid; but, as a full compensation for all assessments, any member may pay fifty dollars, which shall exempt him from the payment of all periodical dues during life.

LIFE MEMBERS.

All Brethren who have been members of Columbian Lodge for twenty-five years, whose dues have been paid or remitted during that time, shall be exempt from any further dues, and the Secretary shall report at each annual communication the names of such Brethren as come under the provision of the foregoing By-Law.

ADMISSION FEE.

SECTION 10. The fee for membership of a Brother who shall have received his degrees in this Lodge

shall be ten dollars; but the fee for the membership of a Brother who shall have received his degrees in another Lodge shall be twenty-five dollars.

READMISSION.

SECTION 11. Should a Brother of this Lodge who has received an honorable discharge from its membership afterwards apply for readmission, and after due inquiry be elected, he shall not be required to pay a second time the established fee.

SECRESY OF BALLOTS.

SECTION 12. Any member of this Lodge who shall disclose to other than a Master Mason any act of the Lodge, or of any member thereof, respecting the application, committee report, balloting or rejection of any candidate for the Degrees or Membership, may, upon complaint and after due investigation and trial, if found guilty, be dishonorably discharged from membership. Any visiting Brother found guilty of a like offence shall be forever debarred from visiting this Lodge. This By-Law shall be read at the conclusion of all balloting for degrees and membership.

MEMBERS' FUND.

SECTION 13. From and after the Annual Communication in December, 1885, all sums received for membership in each and every year shall be separately invested by the Trustees in a Special Fund, to be known as the MEMBERS' FUND, and the interest received from said investment, with the additions which may be made from time to time by the Lodge, shall be applied to increase the same, and no portion shall be expended, until the Fund amounts to two thousand dollars; after which time the income shall be applied to the payment of the benefit prescribed in Section 6 of this Article. Should any of the income for any one year remain unexpended, it shall be used to increase the principal of said Fund, which shall never be appropriated to other purposes except by a vote of not less than three-fourths of the members present at a Communication notified to act on such proposed appropriation.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMUNICATIONS.

SECTION 1. Regular Communications shall be held on the first Thursday of each month, at such time as the Master shall order; in his absence, at the pleasure

of the Senior Warden; and in the absence of both, at the pleasure of the Junior Warden: provided, nevertheless, that the Lodge may stand closed over the summer months, should it be deemed expedient.

SECTION 2. At special communications, no other business shall be transacted than that named in the notification for such communications.

SECTION 3. Notifications of every communication shall be sent to the members residing in Boston, in which the time and place of meeting shall be stated.

SECTION 4. At the time appointed, the Lodge shall be opened, seven members being present, one of whom must be qualified to preside.

MEMBERS' MEETINGS.

SECTION 5. Members' quarterly meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of December, March, June, and September, at which the business of the Lodge shall be transacted, and no visitors be admitted until such business is concluded. At other regular communications, no business except balloting for candidates for degrees or membership, or business of extraordinary emergency, shall be transacted.

ARTICLE V.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have charge and keep an inventory of all funds and property of the Lodge, the Charter, books, records and papers excepted.

The inventory shall express every species of property belonging to the Lodge; the time of purchase; the cost; if a donation, the time, the name of the donor, and the value; and all property worn out, altered or disposed of, shall be noted. This inventory shall be revised by a committee, and reported by the Treasurer at the regular communication in December, annually. He shall pay all bills approved by the Financial Committee, and all orders drawn by the Committee on Charity. He shall annually attend the meeting of the Financial Committee, and exhibit an accurate statement of the receipts, expenditures, moneys voted by the Lodge to applicants for charity, and the amount of funds. He shall deliver to his successor, within fifteen days after his installation, all funds and property of the Lodge. He shall at all times be under the special direction of the Lodge. He shall, if required, within twenty days after his installation, give bonds to the Master and Wardens, with satisfactory sureties, for the faithful discharge of his duties.

ARTICLE VI.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall have charge of all books, records, and papers (the Charter, Treasurer's accounts, and inventory excepted). He shall attend the meetings of the Lodge, with all necessary books and papers. He shall make a just and fair record of the proceedings of each communication. He shall record all applications for degrees and membership, — all degrees conferred, and by whom received, — all who shall be admitted members, — all members withdrawn, suspended, or renewed, — all names of members who shall purchase an exemption from periodical assessments during life. He shall receive all moneys due to the Lodge, and before the next communication pay the same to the Treasurer. He shall send for each communication, notifications to all members residing in Boston, inserting therein the names of all candidates for the degrees and membership, and all special business coming before the Lodge; and shall continue to do the same until the work shall be completed; and shall deposit in the post-office the notifications for distribution.

He shall notify the chairman of each committee of his appointment, the names of his associates, and the

business committed to them, except the committees on applications for degrees and membership, in which case the members shall be notified independently of each other. He shall, immediately after the regular communication in November, annually, render to the Financial Committee an accurate statement of the work done, of the moneys received, of the memberships commenced, suspended, renewed or withdrawn. He shall, at the regular communication in December, annually, and before the choice of officers, read the names of all delinquents, the sum due from each, and shall record the same with the doings of the communication. He shall permanently record the minutes of each communication before the next succeeding communication, when they shall be read immediately after the opening of the Lodge. He shall be paid for his services, two hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

ARTICLE VII.

CHAPLAIN.

There shall be a Chaplain appointed by the Master, who shall perform such clerical duties as are suitable to his station, and as are established by the usages of the Fraternity, when required by the Master.

ARTICLE VIII.

MARSHAL.

The Marshal shall be appointed by the Master. He shall direct the organization of the Lodge before it is opened; collect from the members and petitioners all communications for the Lodge, and place them before the Secretary; shall introduce visitors; form and direct processions, and communicate and execute all orders of the Master not otherwise provided for.

ARTICLE IX.

TYLER.

The Tyler shall keep a list and have the care of the jewels, clothing, and furniture of the Lodge. He shall at each communication deposit the several jewels at their respective stations, and at the close of each communication shall collect and carefully secure the same. He is exclusively under the orders of the Presiding Officer.

He shall be paid for the discharge of his duties such sums as the Financial Committee shall direct.

ARTICLE X.

INSTALLATION.

The officers of the Lodge, elected and appointed, shall be annually installed on or before the regular communication in January, at such time as the Lodge shall direct.

ARTICLE XI.

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

The Master and Wardens shall constitute the Financial Committee. They shall superintend the prudential concerns of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master shall examine and approve, in writing, all bills, before they can be paid. The Worshipful Master and Wardens, with two other members, to be appointed at the regular communication in November, annually, shall form a committee to require of the Secretary and Treasurer accurate statements of their doings, and they shall report the same at the regular communication in December, annually, before the choice of officers, including the precise condition of the Lodge, of its funds, the number of members, of what class, the degrees given, on whom conferred, the receipts and expenditures, memberships commenced, withdrawn, suspended or renewed; and all other things relating to the welfare

of the Lodge. All bills shall be presented to the Financial Committee within twelve days after the regular communication in November, annually.

ARTICLE XII.

CANDIDATES.

SECTION 1. Each candidate for the degrees shall make a printed or written application, at a regular communication, in the form prescribed by the Constitutions of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The application shall inclose fifty dollars, and shall be read in open Lodge; and the applicant's name shall be inserted on the notifications for the communication at which the application is to be acted upon, and when he may be balloted for. If he be rejected, the sum inclosed shall be returned. No ballot shall be taken on any application for degrees unless there shall be a full report of the Investigating Committee, or unless in case of a majority report, some Brother vouch for the applicant in open Lodge.

SECTION 2. Any Brother who shall have received the first degree, or the first and second degrees, in any other Lodge, may receive the other degree or degrees, by applying, as other candidates are required to do,

and paying for the second and third degrees, seventeen dollars for each degree ; and for the third degree only, seventeen dollars.

DIPLOMAS.

SECTION 3. Any Brother raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the Lodge, shall be entitled to a Diploma, by placing his signature in the margin, in presence of the Secretary.

SECTION 4. The expenses of communications, called exclusively to accommodate candidates, shall be paid by them, unless remitted by the Financial Committee or a vote of the Lodge.

EXAMINATIONS.

SECTION 5. No Entered Apprentice shall be passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, until he shall have passed an examination in the degree of Entered Apprentice, which would warrant his admission into a Lodge of Entered Apprentices ; and no Fellow Craft shall be raised to the degree of Master Mason until he shall have passed an examination in the degree of Fellow Craft, which would entitle him to admission to a Lodge of Fellow Crafts ; and no Master Mason shall be admitted to membership in this Lodge, until he shall

have passed an examination upon the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, which would entitle him to admission to a Lodge open upon either of these degrees.*

ARTICLE XIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SECTION 1. The minutes of a preceding communication having once been approved by the Lodge, cannot be altered at any subsequent communication. If any change or alteration should be desired, it must be submitted to the Lodge, by a resolution for its action.

SECTION 2. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing before there shall be any debate upon them, as shall all motions, if the Master or any member desire it.

* "A committee of three shall be appointed to conduct the several examinations as required above." The above "Foot-note explanatory of Article XII, Section 5," was "passed with approval" by the Grand Lodge, Sept. 14, 1887, "as a substitute for the Amendment to this By-Law submitted" by the Lodge. This "Foot-note" is in accordance with the following Vote, adopted by the Lodge Nov. 4, 1858, and still in force. "That the several examinations, as provided for by Article XII, Section 5, of the By-Laws, shall be conducted by a committee of three, to be appointed by the Worshipful Master, and that no candidate shall be considered to have passed his examination, until such committee shall have made a report in his favor."

SECTION 3. The Master shall be entitled to vote on all questions, and may also give the casting vote, whenever there shall be an equal division.

SECTION 4. Every member present shall vote on all questions, unless excused by the Lodge.

SECTION 5. All motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the Lodge.

SECTION 6. While the Master is addressing the Lodge, or putting a question, or a Brother is speaking, no member shall entertain any private discourse, nor pass between the speaker and the chair.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 7. All Committees on applications for Membership or Degrees, shall be secretly appointed by the Worshipful Master, and the members of such committees shall report to him in writing.

SECTION 8. The name of any visitor who cannot be vouched for by the Tyler, or some Master Mason in the Lodge-room, shall be submitted to the Worshipful Master for his consideration.

ARTICLE XIV.

AMENDMENT AND REPEAL.

No By-Law of this Lodge shall be amended or repealed, at the communication at which a repeal or an amendment is proposed, nor until the proposition has been duly considered by a committee; and all propositions to amend or repeal shall be made and committed at a quarterly communication, but shall not be acted upon until the subsequent quarterly communication; nor then, unless the subject shall have been entered on the notifications for such communication. A majority of three-fourths of the members present shall be requisite for the adoption of any amendment or repeal.

ARTICLE XV.

TRUSTEES.

SECTION I. The funds and property of the Lodge shall be held and invested by a Board of Trustees, consisting of the Worshipful Master and Treasurer during their respective terms of office, together with three members of the Lodge, who shall be chosen by ballot, and hold office for the term of five years from the annual communication of the year in which they are elected, and until their successors are chosen, and have accepted the trust.

SECTION 2. The said elected Trustees, or either of them, may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the members present, at a communication duly called for that purpose; and in case of such removal, a successor or successors may be elected at the same communication, to fill the vacancy or vacancies thus created.

Vacancies in the Board caused by death or resignation, may be filled at any regular communication, upon due notice thereof being given.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer of the Lodge shall be Secretary of the Board, and shall keep their accounts, whose books shall be open for the inspection of the Board, or of any member thereof, when desired.

SECTION 4. The said Trustees shall hold and invest all the funds of the Lodge which may from time to time be placed in their hands, and also the income thereof, excepting such sums as may be necessary for current expenses of the Lodge, in such securities as Savings Banks in this Commonwealth are by law allowed to invest in, but no others.

SECTION 5. They shall report to the Lodge the condition of the funds in their hands, at each annual communication, which said report shall be combined

with that of the Treasurer of the Lodge in such a manner as to show the gross assets of the Lodge in one statement. They shall also report the state of the funds at such other times as the Lodge shall by vote direct. If at any time the Lodge shall direct a particular investment to be made by the said Trustees, or the withdrawal of any investment, the same shall be done accordingly, and shall not be changed except by vote of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XVI.

REPEALING ARTICLE.

All former By-Laws of this Lodge are hereby repealed.



OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.



PAST MASTERS.



JOSEPH CHURCHILL,	5795-99	PETER C. JONES,	5848-50
JOHN W. FOLSOM,	5799-5802	WILLIAM W. BAKER,	5850-52
AMASA STETSON,	5802-04	WM. D. COOLIDGE,	5852-54
DANIEL BAXTER,	5804-07	JOHN T. HEARD,	5854-56
STEPHEN BEAN,	5807-09	WM. B. FOWLE, JR.,	5856-58
DANIEL BAXTER,	5809-10	ROBERT L. ROBBINS,	5858-59
JOSEPH JENKINS,	5810-14	C. E. BUCKINGHAM,	5859-61
DAVID MOODY,	5814-15	SYLVESTER TRULL,	5861-63
ELIJAH MORSE,*	5815	HENRY W. WARREN,	5863-65
B. B. APPLETON,	5815-17	JOHN ROUNDY,	5865-66
JOSEPH JENKINS,	5817-19	JOSIAH A. STEARNS,	5866-68
AARON BEAN,†	5819-20	WM. H. KENNARD,	5868-70
SAMUEL SMITH,	5820-23	GEORGE M. BAKER,	5870-72
DANIEL BAXTER, JR.,	5823-26	WM. T. R. MARVIN,	5872-74
GEORGE G. SMITH,	5826-28	WM. J. STEVENS,	5874-76
JOSHUA B. FLINT,	5828-29	ALBERT A. FOLSOM,	5876-78
GEORGE G. SMITH,	5829-30	FREDERICK ALFORD,	5878-80
JOSHUA B. FLINT,	5830-34	GEORGE A. GILLETTE,	5880-82
DAVID TILLSON,	5834-37	WALTER M. CAMERON,	5882-84
RUEL BAKER,	5837-41	E. BENTLEY YOUNG,	5884-86
BENJ. B. APPLETON,	5841-42	ALBERT A. HALL,	5886-88
GEORGE G. SMITH,	5842-46	J. GEORGE COOPER,	5888-
GEORGE M. THACHER,	5846-48		

* W. Master E. Morse resigned, having been appointed D. D. G. M. First District, and B. B. Appleton was elected March 2, 5815.

† Died in office, April 6, 5820.

Officers for 1889.

Worshipful Master,
J. GEORGE COOPER.

Senior Warden,
ISAAC H. LOCKE.

Junior Warden,
WILLIAM WHITE.

Treasurer,
W. BRO. WM. J. STEVENS.

Secretary,
R. W. BRO. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN.

Chaplain,
REV. BRO. GEO. J. PRESCOTT.

Senior Deacon,	Junior Deacon,
J. S. FOSTER BUSH.	JOS. S. KENDALL.

Senior Steward,	Junior Steward,
ALMON WIGHT.	J. MERRILL BROWN.

Marshal,
ROBERT C. NICHOLS.

Inside Sentinel,
WILLIAM P. JONES.

Organist,
WM. H. GERRISH.

Tyler,
EDW. MACDONALD.



LIST OF MEMBERS.

Allen, George H.
Albree, John
Alford, Frederick
Amsden, T. J.
Allen, George
Atwood, Joshua, Jr.
Adams, J. Henry
Andrews, D. Allen
Adams, George
Bean, Ivory
Butterfield, William
Bigelow, L. A.
Brown, George B.
Baker, George M.
Blanchard, S. S.
Bacall, W. F.
Bowditch, E. H.
Bicknell, W. F.
Bowditch, A. G.
Barnabee, H. C.

Bates, George P.
Bosson, George C.
Brown, D. H.
Boardman, W. L. P.
Baker, John L.
Barton, Isaac R.
Berry, James
Brown, Joseph
Babcock, Aaron B.
Blaisdell, Mark A.
Batcheller, E. H.
Brown, L. S.
Bradbury, Geo. W.
Barker, Chas. A.
Bicknell, Geo. J.
Babcock, W. C.
Boynton, Chas. A.
Banks, Wm., Jr.
Bush, John S. F.
Blake, James S.

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| Barnard, Charles | Cox, F. P. |
| Brown, Albert K. | Colby, J. F. |
| Blasland, Edw. B. | Crowell, A. F. |
| Brown, J. Merrill | Denio, S. A. |
| Bowles, F. H. | Davis, W. F. |
| Bowen, B. J. | Damon, C. A. |
| Bunting, W. M. | Davis, F. A. |
| Burton, H. M. | De Ribas, A. L. |
| Batchelder, Chas. H. | Devereux, D. D. |
| Brownell, F. C. | De Caro, L. |
| Bacon, H. W. | Driessens, J. F. |
| Clapp, William | Deshon, Geo. P. |
| Clark, Orin F. | Dana, Isaac D. |
| Chapman, John N. | Douglass, O. |
| Cook, H. A. | Dewey, Edgar O. |
| Coulehan, William | Day, Austin P. |
| Curtis, J. Gardner | Dillaway, W. S. |
| Chamberlain, J. W. | Dillaway, W. E. L. |
| Cameron, W. M. | Downes, F. O. |
| Cooper, J. George | Dawson, H. |
| Crawford, E. M. | Dandrow, E. K. |
| Clark, T. R. | Erb, Theo. F. |
| Cates, A. G. W. | Eaton, Solomon |
| Conly, Chas. F. | Erb, R. C. |
| Collins, H. G. | Fries, W. C. J. |
| Carpenter, G. S. | Fields, George A. |
| Cutler, W. H. | Field, J. B. |
| Cook, H. W. | Forristall, George W. |
| Crowell, T. B. | Foster, Amos |
| Crandon, E. S. | Fessenden, Wm. H. |
| Cooper, John F. | Faught, George N. |

- Forristall, Ezra
Foster, E. B.
Francis, Fideus
Folsom, A. A.
Foulkes, H. G.
Freeland, A. F.
Fitzgerald, J. R.
Farquhar, C. S.
Foxcroft, G. A.
Fairbanks, A. P.
Folsom, C. R.
Gregory, Franklin E.
Griswold, Daniel C.
Goodnow, Charles L.
Greenleaf, Henry F.
Gardner, Francis H.
Gillette, George A.
Grant, Charles, Jr.
Gordon, Marshall
Grace, N. J.
Gleason, C. P.
Groves, Jno. W.
Gibson, Geo. H.
Gay, Henry D.
Gould, Edw. F.
Goodrich, Chas. B.
Green, Geo. N.
Green, E. H.
Grant, Melville C.
Granger, A. M.
Guild, F. O.
Hills, William S.
Hills, Joel H.
Hayden, Charles
Hatch, C. P.
Hitchcock, David W.
Haskell, W. A.
Harris, A. H.
Hallett, D. B.
Hincke, J. H. J.
Hall, D. F.
Haskell, Allen
Hill, Geo. H.
Hall, A. A.
Hewes, J. J.
Humphreys, G. H.
Hatfield, Lyman
Howard, C. M.
Huntington, E. H. M.
Hopkins, Geo. D.
Hutchinson, F. J.
Hutchinson, Freedom
Homans, D. R.
Hyneman, Louis
Hall, Frank E.
Hall, Henry A.
Hobbs, W. C.
Jones, William P.
Jones, G. H.
Jones, E. J.
Johnson, Samuel
Jones, Chas. A.

Jackson, W. H.	Morse, Nathan
Jellison, C. E.	Maynz, Edward
Judkins, H. S.	McClannin, R. F.
Jarvis, Geo.	Moore, F. H.
Johnston, A. V.	Maynard, D. H.
Jenkins, C. H.	Mann, Chas.
King, Carmi E.	McCabe, P.
Kennard, William H.	Merriman, F. E.
Keith, Isaac N.	McDonald, D. S.
Kaulback, J. G., Jr.	Morgan, R. S.
Kennison, John	Mudge, F. H.
Kimball, M. V. B.	Morrill, F. J.
Kendall, Jos. S.	Marden, J. W.
Keene, C. S.	Maddox, F. B.
Lothrop, A.	McDonough, J.
Learned, George E.	Mitchell, C. K.
Livermore, S. B.	Niebuhr, C. E.
Lee, Daniel W.	Nichols, R. C.
Lo Cascio, Frank	Noyes, C. H.
Low, Frank W.	Nason, S. H.
Locke, Isaac H.	Noyes, L. B.
Levien, M. S.	Neale, G. F.
Lowell, Geo F.	Nason, P. C.
Learned, F. M.	Norton, J. H.
Lamb, B. F.	Park, William D.
Lowell, F. E.	Putnam, J. H.
Lucas, F. H.	Patch, D. A.
McIntyre, Peter	Pray, B. S.
Mills, D. T.	Porter, P. G.
Marvin, W. T. R.	Pollard, F. A.
Mayhew, M. A.	Pratt, F. S.

Priest, Henry L.	Smith, Elijah
Pollard, D. E.	Stevens, William J.
Pitman, J. R.	Studley, Silas
Prescott, G. J.	Stevens, Frank
Page, Francis E.	Smith, Frank S.
Perkins, C. L.	Sullivan, E. N.
Patterson, J. B.	Stevens, Chas. W.
Page, Albert K.	Simmons, A. J.
Plummer, M. C.	Savage, Thomas
Phelps, W. S.	Shortwell, W. D.
Piers, F. C.	Stewart, O.
Pedrick, L. E.	Swett, Wm. S.
Potter, Wm., Jr.	Seymour, Wm.
Peare, O. H.	Storey, F. G.
Peck, L. T.	Stewart, W. J.
Quincy, E. G.	Stickney, H. W.
Rowe, S. S.	Searing, S. S.
Reed, B. F.	Trull, Sylvester
Russell, S. S. C.	Tucker, E. H.
Remick, Timothy	Thayer, C. E.
Richards, John J.	Thompson, John A.
Richardson, R. J.	Turner, F. W.
Rumery, E. M.	Thayer, T. A.
Rich, Seth	Taylor, T. A.
Rickard, J. O.	Towne, L., Jr.
Scott, Frank J.	Twitchell, J. H.
Sleeper, W. F.	Towne, William H.
Sanborn, S. H.	Tucker, H. G.
Stodder, H. F.	Tarbell, G. A.
Suck, Charles J.	Taylor, G. B.
Suck, D. H.	Thomas, H. G.

Tucker, F. H.	Wells, E. E.
Thayer, S. C.	Williams, R. W.
Teuthorn, F. B.	Whidden, T. M.
Twombly, J. S.	White, Wm.
Taylor, E. S.	Wetherbee, I. J.
Thompson, C. H.	Weil, Samuel
Thompson, W. W.	Waugh, W. W.
Van Derlip, W. C.	Work, J. W.
Warren, W. W.	Wight, Almon
Wallace, David	Wheeler, Chas. A.
Washburn, Andrew	Winslow, John P.
Wedger, B. M.	Warnock, Adam
Walker, C.	Young, R. S.
Whiton, John C.	Young, E. B.
Wight, Freeman	Young, Geo. H.
Wood, A. N.	Young, F. H.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Trull, Sylvester	Folsom, Albert A.
Ames, Oliver	Stevens, Wm. J.





LIFE MEMBERS.

THE following list gives the names of those who were Life Members, October 1, 1889. The dagger (†) prefixed to a name shows that Life Membership was acquired by the payment of the prescribed fee. The other names are of those Brethren who have secured exemption from dues by twenty-five years' service.

Allen, George H.	†Brown, Albert K.
Albree, John	†Bunting, W. M.
Bean, Ivory	Clapp, William
Butterfield, William	Clark, Orin F.
Bigelow, L. A.	Chapman, John N.
†Brown, George B.	Cook, H. A.
Baker, George M.	†Cooper, J. George
Blanchard, S. S.	Denio, S. A.
Bacall, W. F.	Davis, W. F.
Bowditch, E. H.	Damon, C. A.
Bicknell, W. F.	Devereux, D. D.
†Boardman, W. L. P.	†Day, Austin P.
†Brown, L. S.	†Dillaway, W. S.
†Bradbury, Geo. W.	†Dillaway, W. E. L.
†Bush, John S. F.	Fries, W. C. J.
†Barnard, Charles	Fields, George A.

Field, J. B.	†Kendall, Jos. S.
Forristall, George W.	Lothrop, A.
Foster, Amos	Learned, Geo. E.
†Folsom, A. A.	Livermore, S. B.
†Foxcroft, G. A.	†Lowell, Geo. F.
†Fairbanks, A. P.	†Learned, F. M.
Gregory, Franklin E.	†Lowell, F. E.
Griswold, Daniel C.	McIntyre, Peter
Goodnow, Charles L.	Mills, D. T.
Gardner, Francis H.	Marvin, W. T. R.
†Goodrich, Chas. B.	Mayhew, M. A.
†Grant, Melville C.	Morse, Nathan
Hills, William S.	Maynz, Edward
Hills, Joel H.	McClannin, R. F.
Hayden, Charles	Moore, F. H.
Hatch, C. P.	†Marden, J. W.
Hitchcock, David W.	Niebuhr, C. E.
Haskell, W. A.	Nichols, R. C.
Hewes, J. J.	Park, William D.
†Hyneman, Louis	Putnam, J. H.
†Hall, Frank E.	Patch, D. A.
†Hobbs, W. C.	Pray, B. S.
Jones, William P.	†Page, Francis E.
Jones, E. J.	†Plummer, M. C.
Johnson, Samuel	†Phelps, W. S.
Jones, Chas. A.	Quincy, E. G.
Jackson, W. H.	Rowe, S. S.
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Thayer, C. E.	†Twombly, J. S.
Thompson, John A.	Warren, W. W.
Turner, F. W.	Wallace, David
Thayer, T. A.	Washburn, Andrew
Taylor, T. A.	†White, Wm.
Towne, L., Jr.	†Wight, Almon
Twitchell, J. H.	†Winslow, John P.
Taylor, G. B.	Young, R. S.



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REPORT.

THE Lodge, at the Regular Members' Quarterly Communication, held September 6, 1888, on the motion of Wor. Bro. E. Bentley Young, voted to appoint a "Historical Committee," who should bring down the History of the Lodge from the point where it was left by our late R. W. Bro. JOHN T. HEARD, and to arrange for printing a volume which should embody all the prominent matters of interest in our History, since the Foundation of the Lodge. The injury to our old Records which the flooding of the vaults where they were supposed to be secure from "conflagration," if not from "inundation" -- the latter danger being one which we could 'neither foresee nor prevent' from any former experience, has made it necessary to have them copied; this work has been going on during the last year, and the first volume is now ready for inspection. The examination of these ancient records

has brought to mind many facts that had nearly passed into oblivion, but which will, we hope, be made use of in due time. The preparation of such a History is, however, too important a matter to be hastily completed, or without considerable study.

At the Members' Quarterly Communication in June, 1889, the Lodge voted to print a new edition of its By-Laws, the last having been issued more than fifteen years ago. The Committee were authorized to add such historical facts from our Annals as might seem to them expedient, and it was at first intended that the following pages should contain brief references to those events which have marked the progress of the Lodge in the last twenty-five years only.

At the November Communication, 1889, the Committee reported progress and recommended the Lodge to print also an epitome of that portion of our History which is contained in R. W. Bro. Heard's volume, feeling that such an outline would be more satisfactory to the Brethren generally than the summary already prepared. The difficulty of obtaining Heard's History, now long out of print, is so great that but a small proportion of our members have ever seen it, and it was thought that the History when published, should cover the entire century of our existence. The Lodge unanimously adopted the recommendation, and the following pages have been prepared by the Secretary at the request of the Committee. It is only necessary to say further that it is not the design of the Committee to place these Annals before the Lodge as a substitute for the contemplated History, but merely to inform the younger members what Columbian Lodge has been doing in that time, and to refresh the memory of the

older members concerning matters in which they actively participated, and which have contributed to give the Lodge that enviable reputation at home and abroad, of which we are all so proud.

Fraternally submitted,

E. BENTLEY YOUNG,
W. T. R. MARVIN,
WALTER M. CAMERON,
A. A. FOLSOM,
WM. P. JONES,

November 15, 1889.

Committee.

COLUMBIAN LODGE seems to have had its origin in a body of gentlemen who had associated together under the name of The Columbian Society of Master Masons. Just what led to the formation of this society, neither Bro. Heard, our historian, nor any later investigator has been able certainly to discover. It is clear that it was not formed merely to obtain a Charter for the proposed Lodge, for it continued in active existence several years after that had been granted; its motto was "Charity, peace and love," and from this we may perhaps gather the purpose for which it was founded. There were several Societies then in existence or formed about that time, whose object was to relieve the misfortunes of their members, and we may suppose that this had a similar aim.* The Columbian

* The well known Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association was instituted early in 1795, among whose founders were Paul Revere, then Grand Master, Henry Purkitt, made a Mason in St. Andrew's Lodge in December of that year, and John W. Folsom, the second

Society accumulated some property, and appears to have had frequent meetings for social purposes; accounts of some of its Banquets have been discovered in the *Columbian Centinel*, which are briefly referred to hereafter, and copies of which have been transcribed upon our Records.

Whether the project of obtaining a Charter came up at some of its gatherings we can only guess. Twenty-five years had elapsed since the Massachusetts Lodge in Boston had been erected, and the circumstances under which that Charter issued were peculiar. It would be foreign to the purpose of this sketch even to touch upon those matters, and it is sufficient to say that after the union of the bodies which had previously been under the obedience of the two rival English Grand Lodges, the "Ancients" and the "Moderns," and of which the Moderns were really the more ancient, Columbian was the first Lodge chartered in the Town of Boston, which has survived to the present time.

Columbian presented its petition for the first time, at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, December 12, 1794, and was refused, not because of any objection to the petitioners, but from what seems to have been the settled policy of the Grand Lodge at that time. A few days before, a petition to found "Melchizedek Lodge" had been rejected, and the reason given was that it was then inexpedient to increase the number of Lodges. The request of Columbian was renewed in March, 1795, and a committee was appointed to confer with the petitioners; the latter seem to have made

Secretary of Columbian, first Secretary of the M. C. M. A. Among those who were original members are several who connected themselves with our Lodge. Though this may be merely a coincidence, it seems of sufficient interest to be noted, as possibly casting a ray of light on the Columbian Society and its design.

a strong case, for in the following June their prayer was granted by the Grand Body.

The President of the Columbian Society was John H. Meckell (or Merkell — his name is spelled in several different ways on the old Records) but he does not appear to have held any official post in the young Lodge, though at its first public appearance in October, 1795, when the Columbian Society united with the Lodge in attending the funeral of one of its Charter members, and the first Senior Steward of the Lodge, Bro. Nicholas Kindness, Bro. Merkell acted as Marshal of the procession. It is worthy of notice that this was not only the first, but the sole Masonic funeral of one of our members, that the Lodge held for more than half a century.

The first Master was Bro. Joseph Churchill. While still a young man we find him in Salem; Bro. Heard supposes that he was born in Plymouth; and it is known he went thither from Boston about 1803 or 1804, not very long after a destructive fire in Fish Street, by which he (or one bearing his name) was a sufferer. From Plymouth he is supposed to have gone to Richmond, Virginia, but beyond that Bro. Heard was unable to trace him. We are fortunate to have learned some further particulars concerning him. It appears in the History of Essex Lodge, that he was born in 1745, and died January, 1808. He was apparently an Inn-holder in Salem, where Essex Lodge is located, and very likely was made in that Lodge. The same authority says that he moved to Boston in January, 1783, and kept a public house in Exchange Street. His widow, Ann Churchill, died in Bristol, R. I., July, 1822, aged 77. In the Boston Directory of 1803 there is a Joseph Churchill, *merchant*, on Fish Street, who is supposed by Bro. Heard, to have been our first Master.

These facts are all that we have learned concerning him, except that he was made an Honorary Member, December 3, 1802. After retiring from the East he served as Treasurer for two years.

James Eaton, the first Senior Warden of Columbian, as we also learn from the History of Essex Lodge, (in Historical Collections of the Essex Institute,) was born in 1752, and died about 1806; he was admitted to Essex Lodge March 14, 1779, and was its Junior Warden in 1784. He was one of the Rhode Island Volunteers in 1778; he married Sarah Masury, and moved to Boston in 1787, and served two years as Senior Warden of Columbian. These facts, not generally known by our members, seem worthy of preservation here, and show a pleasant Masonic connection between Essex Lodge and Columbian in those early days of our history. For biographical notices of many others of our early Masters and members, we must refer to the History of the Lodge.

The Charter was granted March 14, 1796, before the expiration of the Dispensation, and the Grand Lodge made its first visit to Columbian on the 14th April following, when the Lodge was duly constituted in ancient form. At this Communication the officers who had "taken their jewels" under the Dispensation, were regularly installed. The Grand Master, Paul Revere, and his Wardens, with the Rev. John Murray and a large concourse of visiting Brethren were present, and on retiring were honored with "three times three cheers." Under this Charter, dated however in June, 1796, it has ever since continued to work. Its precedence dates from the day *following* the date on which its Dispensation was issued, which, added to the fact that the Grand Lodge had voted to grant the Charter in March, as already mentioned, but ordered it to be dated

the following June, (probably because it is customary for Dispensations to run a year) caused so much dissatisfaction among the members, that some were opposed to accepting it.

During the first year of its history, the Lodge met in Concert Hall, (where the Grand Lodge was accustomed to hold its sessions,) in the old "Green Dragon Tavern," famous for Revolutionary memories, and at the house of Bro. John Perkins, in Ann (now North) Street. It was soon found desirable to secure permanent quarters, and for that purpose a chamber was leased in Market Square, opposite the north side of Faneuil Hall, which was fitted up appropriately, and called "Columbian Hall." May 5, 1796, the Lodge met in Concert Hall and marched "in solemn procession with burning tapers, and all the apparatus" to the new Hall, which on the evening of June 2, 1796, was consecrated to the purposes of the Order, by the Lodge itself, and not by the Grand Body, as is now the custom; Wor. Bro. Churchill delivered an appropriate Address and Charge, for which the thanks of the Lodge were voted, and steps were taken to print them; careful search has failed to bring to light any trace of these, whether in print or manuscript.

The Lodge occupied these quarters for four years, when they fitted up another and more convenient room, called "Masons' Hall," on Ann Street. The building in which it was located is still standing, though in a dilapidated condition. The arched windows of the hall are yet to be seen from North Street, a few steps east of the corner of the square, and not long ago the cornices, which in their time were very elaborate, the stucco centre-piece, from which hung the "chandelier" frequently alluded to on the Records, and fragmentary remains of the old decorations,

could still be distinguished. Some of our members have visited it quite recently, and found it much in the same condition in which Bro. Heard saw it. On the eve of St. John Baptist's Day, 1800, the Lodge met for the first time in this Hall, adjourned to the old Hall, and then moved, as on a previous occasion, to their new home ; Bro. Purkitt acted as Marshal, and "the Ark and paraphernalia" were carried in "Masonic order." This Hall was dedicated the following day by the Grand Lodge, Rev. John Murray, the minister of the First Universalist Church in Boston, offering prayer, and Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris, by request of the Lodge, delivering the address. Other Masonic bodies, among them Mt. Lebanon Lodge, and "the Royal Arch Chapter" (St. Andrew's) became joint tenants, and Massachusetts, St. John's and the Grand Lodge also used it more or less frequently for their meetings.

These rooms were used till more elegant apartments were fitted up in the Exchange Coffee House, where the various Masonic bodies in Boston assembled from August, 1817, until October, 1818. The building was burned on the night of November 3, 1818. Temporary quarters were taken in the Commercial Coffee House, on the corner of Milk and Batterymarch Streets, where four meetings were held. Masons' Hall was next used for two years, and then the chambers of the Old State House were adapted to the use of the Fraternity; Columbian met there from March, 1821, till October, 1830, when the lease expired, and "Washington Hall," on Washington Street, was occupied until the completion of the Masonic Temple on the corner of Temple Place and Tremont Street. This was dedicated May 30, 1832, though Columbian had begun to assemble there the previous January. Here all the Masonic bodies of the city found a home until the building

was sold to the Government, and the Winthrop House purchased and adapted to Masonic purposes. The subsequent places of meeting need not be specified here, as they will be mentioned in their proper sequence below.

When the fire occurred, which destroyed the Exchange Coffee House, the Charter of the Lodge was in the building, and was rescued from destruction by our late Bro. Calvin Howe. The jewels were saved by Bro. Samuel Thaxter, of Mount Lebanon Lodge, and the "Flooring" by Bro. Daniel Johnson, who proposed to make the effort, and who was aided in his attempt by Bros. Joel Smith of our own Lodge, John R. Penniman, who had painted it, Spencer Thomas of Massachusetts Lodge, and Thomas Power, the District Deputy Grand Master at that time. For their gallant and successful endeavors they received the formal thanks of the Lodge.

The old Records contain frequent references to this "Flooring." It was a symbolic painting of the various emblems of the three degrees, very artistically arranged, and it was carefully guarded for nearly half a century. It finally perished in the Winthrop House fire, as will be mentioned below. Among the treasures of the Lodge which were lost in that fire—the jewels and working tools of silver, the photographs of the Past Masters, and many other relics of the past, endeared to us by numberless associations—nothing was so greatly mourned by our elder Members, as this ancient "Flooring." When it was first hung on the walls of the Lodge room, in February, 1816, "its elegance commanded much attention and applause." It was formerly concealed from view, when not in use, by a suitable curtain, and was always kept in the best condition. Bro. John R. Penniman, the artist, was "one of the first ornamental painters of his day, and a

man of rare natural abilities." Its cost was not far from four hundred dollars, an amount which, when we consider the values of that day, will give some idea of the elaborate workmanship expended upon it.

The first jewels worn by the officers of the Lodge were the handiwork of Paul Revere; they were suspended by ribbons, and the old accounts show occasional charges for "ribbons to tie the jewels with." In 1810 the Brethren ordered them to be replaced by others of greater value, and the old ones were melted up; were they now in existence, they, like other silver from Revere's work-shop, would be worth their weight in gold. The bill for making them was £8, 12s. 6d. When these new jewels were procured they were suspended from collars, which were designed and wrought by Miss Sarah Baxter, the daughter of Wor. Bro. Daniel D. Baxter, and so acceptable were they to the Lodge that the Brethren voted to communicate to her their "sincere thanks, gratitude and esteem for her judgment, and taste displayed in working" them, "as also for her generosity and friendly disposition manifested towards the Lodge in performing for them that very acceptable piece of service." These collars served eleven years, when new ones were ordered in "view of the approaching visit of the District Deputy Grand Master." At the Communication in November of that year (1821), Wor. Bro. Baxter gave the Lodge a gavel for the Master.

The Lodge has received quite a number of gifts, testifying to the loyalty and interest of its members. In 1796, Bro. John W. Folsom, afterwards Master, presented an oil painting of a Grecian Temple, which was hung on the walls of the Lodge room. In 1805 the "Millennium Society," (concerning which we have been able to learn nothing more than its name) gave the Lodge a "mallet" for the

Master. In 1818 Bro. Horace Collamore gave the Lodge the two elaborately decorated Masonic Pitchers, still preserved by the Lodge, to which Wor. Bro. B. B. Appleton added a third.* In 1820, Wor. Bro. George G. Smith presented the Lodge with a seal, designed by himself, and engraved with his own hands, and at the Annual Meeting in the same year Bros. Baxter and Smith gave the silver-mounted truncheons, or batons, on which was a cypher of the initials of the Lodge, engraved by the latter, which are believed to have been burned in the destruction of the

* These Pitchers, presented by Bro. Collamore, and which are occasionally used by the Lodge on special festivals, are the largest decorated Masonic Pitchers of which we have any knowledge. On the front of each is an inscription in gilt with the donor's name: around the upper edge is a wreath of vine-leaves and grapes, in raised work; on one side is a group of female figures admiring a medallion portrait of some individual, possibly intended for Lafayette; one of the figures wears a Masonic apron, and working tools are grouped about them. The opposite side has a blazon of arms; three crowned hammers, of gold, on a dark field, whether intended for dark blue or black by the artist, is not entirely clear; the lower hammer is held by a hand projecting from the observer's right; between the hammers is a chevron of gold, on which are the compasses extended. These are not Masonic arms, but the device is more nearly though not exactly, that of the London Guild of Smiths. The motto *Amicitia Amor et Veritas* is below the shield, and above are the words "Our craft over all:" there is a crest at the top, (a phoenix in flames of gold,) and various symbolic figures and Masonic emblems are scattered around. The third pitcher mentioned in the Records has disappeared, and it is not known where or when it passed from the hands of the Lodge; while it may still be in existence, in the possession of the family of some one of our old Members, we have not been able to trace it. The Lodge also owns a Punch-bowl of china, decorated with various Masonic emblems, but the committee have not learned its history. Some of the members are inclined to believe that this punch-bowl may have been the gift of Wor. Bro. Appleton, and that it is called a pitcher, by an error in copying. If the gift of the punch-bowl is recorded, it has thus far escaped our notice.

Temple. In this fire was also lost, as we suppose, a beautiful Bible, which had been given by Wor. Bro. Samuel Smith. In 1823 and in 1846 various articles to be used in the work were given by members. On the walls of the private room of the Lodge hangs a beautiful photograph, taken from our ancient Charter before its injury by the flooding of the Safe Deposit vaults, and given us by Bro. Conley, one of our members, whose photographic skill is also shown in a large number of photographs of the members, preserved in the Lodge Album. At the close of Wor. Bro. Young's administration, the officers who had served with him presented a large photographic picture, showing them grouped in the East of Sutton Hall, and each wearing his appropriate jewel.

In the early days of Masonry in Massachusetts it seems to have been the custom for the Grand Lodge to make official visits to its subordinates in the person of the Grand Master, with such a suite of officers and guests as he chose to invite to accompany him; the Records describe several of these occasions. In 1803 the office of District Deputy Grand Master was created, and R. W. Bro. John Boyle was appointed the first Deputy for the First District, to which Columbian was assigned. His first official visit appears to have been that made to our Lodge in that year. The Grand Master, however, did not cease to visit us also, notwithstanding this appointment, and in 1806 and 1807 we find him welcomed by the Lodge.

The first appearance of the Lodge in public procession with other Lodges was on the occasion of laying of the Corner Stone of the "New State House," July 4, 1795, only about a fortnight after the first meeting it had held. The ceremonies were conducted by the Grand Lodge, and the Fraternity, generally, united in the procession on that occasion.

On February 11, 1800, the Lodge joined with its brethren and the Grand Lodge in a solemn Funeral Procession in commemoration of the death of GEORGE WASHINGTON. The services of the day were peculiarly impressive; the procession moved first to the Old South Church, where suitable Odes were sung, and a Eulogy by Hon. Bro. Timothy Bigelow was pronounced; the Grand Chaplain gave the Benediction, and a Dirge was sung: the procession was then re-formed and went to King's Chapel, where an appropriate Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Bentley, assisted by Rev. Dr. Walter, both members of the Fraternity; flowers were strewn, and the evergreen sprig, worn by every Mason in the procession, was deposited, after which the Brethren returned in order to the Old State House, and were dismissed.

On the 17th of June, 1825, Columbian took part in the welcome to Lafayette, and joined with the Grand Lodge and most of the Masonic bodies of the State in laying the corner stone of Bunker Hill Monument with the ancient ceremonies of the Order.

October 14, 1830, during the height of the Anti-Masonic excitement, the Lodge turned out in good numbers and marched in procession to assist in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple; there are but few now living who recall the scenes of that day; but the cries of derision from "rude fellows of the baser sort" which met the faithful few who adhered to their beloved institution, the bitter feeling manifested by many of the lookers-on, and the attempts of some unprincipled parties to interfere with the ceremonies of the day, to which a summary stop was put by one of our members, Bro. Gardner Greenleaf, who was a well-known builder and prominent Mason of the time, are still matters of tradition among us.

In the autumn of 1848, when the city of Boston held festivities to commemorate the introduction of Cochituate Water, the Masonic Fraternity made one of the attractive features in the procession, and Columbian appeared in full ranks. Its other appearances in public are mentioned hereafter.

Some of the pleasantest occasions in our history have been those evenings when the doors of the Lodge-room were opened to the lady friends of our members. This custom began at an early day; the first of these visits of which there is an account on our Records, took place October 8, 1797. The Lodge held a special meeting in "Masons' Hall," and after opening in due form, a committee was appointed to introduce the "visiting ladies." The exercises of the evening were principally musical, and the Master, Wor. Bro. John W. Folsom, delivered an address. The guests were then escorted to the lower hall, where refreshments were served, and the Lodge having closed, the Brethren joined them "to pass a cheerful hour." Similar visits were made in 1809, in 1816, and again in 1855. The Programme of the last visit is given in full in Bro. Heard's History.

The Public Installations have also been well attended by ladies. In January, 1813, in December, 1817, in January, 1847, and again in December, 1849, there were such occasions, when beside the regular order of the ritual, addresses, music and banquets made them memorable landmarks in our history. The next, which was the fifth, was that of Wor. Bro. W. B. Fowle in 1855. When Wor. Bro. Kennard assumed the East for the first time, in 1868; again, when Wor. Bro. Baker took the Oriental chair in 1870, and lastly, on the brilliant Installation of Wor. Bro. Young in 1884, the doors of the Temple were thrown open

to the friends of our members, and each was an evening of "pleasure unalloyed." These will be mentioned in their order below. A Programme of the Installation in 1849 has been framed and now hangs in the private room of the Lodge.

There are many other items of interest in the earlier history of Columbian Lodge, to which did space and the purpose of this sketch allow, we would gladly allude, but a more particular reference to these matters must be deferred till our new Volume is printed. We pass to consider some of the more important events in our annals since Wor. Bro. Heard completed his labor.

The first event of interest after the publication of Bro. Heard's History, occurred on Wednesday, September 17, 1856, the Two Hundred and Twenty-sixth Anniversary of the settlement of Boston, when the Brethren assembled to join with the Grand Lodge and various other Masonic bodies in dedicating a Statue of our eminent Brother BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, which had been erected in front of the City Hall. The Most Worshipful Grand Master at that time was Bro. Winslow Lewis, M. D., one of the most distinguished Masons who have received light at the altar of Columbian Lodge. The Brethren formed on Boston Common, and a magnificent procession paraded through the streets, and took part in the impressive ceremonials of the day. Boston Commandery of Knights Templars, in their brilliant regalia, performed the escort duty, and the whole affair passed off in the happiest manner.

In the autumn of 1858 the old Masonic Temple which stood on the corner of Temple Place, whose corner stone had been laid in the darkest days of the Fraternity, and which for half a century had been the home of the craft,

was sold to the United States Government, to be used as a Court House, and temporary quarters for the Lodges were found in Nassau Hall, until more suitable apartments could be prepared. The Lodge held its first meeting there in November of that year.

The following year the old "Winthrop House" was purchased, and the upper portion having been fitted up during the summer of 1859, into convenient Halls, it was duly dedicated by the Grand Lodge in December, 1860. At the Annual Meeting in December of this year the roll showed that Columbian had 262 members.

In the following February the state of the country being such as to cause the gravest apprehensions, the Masons of Boston joined in an endeavor to do what they could to recall the happier memories of the earlier days of the Republic, by a Tribute to the memory of our illustrious Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON. The Rev. Bro. Alger, then Chaplain of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, was requested by the Boston Lodges to pronounce an Oration, which he kindly consented to do. This was delivered in Music Hall, and was attended by a large concourse of Brethren with ladies and friends.

At the previous Annual Meeting (1860), a petition was presented by a number of its members, requesting the permission of Columbian to form a new Lodge, to be styled "Aberdour Lodge," which was granted, and subsequently that Lodge was presented with an elegant set of working tools in silver by Columbian. The kindest feelings between mother and daughter have ever since characterized the two Lodges.

In April, 1861, the Board of Trustees of Columbian was established, and the Invested Funds of the Lodge were placed in their keeping. At this communication Wor.

Bros. Peter C. Jones and William D. Coolidge were elected Honorary Members, and at the following meeting Wor. Bros. W. W. Baker, Winslow Lewis, and John B. Hammatt were added to the same roll of honor.

The War of the Rebellion having broken out, our Junior Warden, Bro. Hamlin W. Keyes, left for the scene of action, with his Regiment, in which he held the rank of Major, and before the year closed many others of our members, among whom were Wor. Bro. Wm. B. Fowle and Capt. E. G. Quincy, followed him to aid in sustaining the National Union. The Lodge presented these Brethren with swords, and passed suitable Resolutions on their departure. During this year our venerable Brother 'Father Martin,' well known for his services to the craft, and for a number of years an officer and Honorary Member of Columbian, and our Senior Deacon, Bro. George Whiton, were summoned to the Celestial Lodge above.

The close of the year 1862 showed that our membership had nearly regained its losses caused by the withdrawal of those of its members who had joined "Aberdour," there being 247 on its roll, and our invested Funds amounted to nearly \$7,500. At the January Communication, 1861, Bro. Gardner Greenleaf was elected an Honorary Member.

On the night of April 5, 1864, the Winthrop House and Masonic apartments were destroyed by fire. Columbian suffered the loss of its famous "flooring," which had been placed in one of the smaller halls of this building when it was fitted up for the Order. In this fire all the portraits of our Past Grand Masters, which adorned the large Hall in this building, were also destroyed. Our venerable Charter was fortunately in the possession of the Worshipful Master at that time, and escaped. The Proprietors of Odd Fellows' Hall, on the corner of Washington and Kneeland

Streets, at once offered their apartments to the Masonic Fraternity, and the Brethren found a temporary home here till the rooms on Summer Street were fitted for their use. At the April Communication of Mount Horeb Lodge, of Woburn, the jewels and working tools of that Lodge were most kindly and fraternally offered for the use of Columbian, and were worn at the May Communication. Similar tokens of brotherly affection were shown by Gate of the Temple Lodge and St. Paul's Lodge of South Boston.

The Communication on May 5th was held in the Masonic apartments of Thorndike Hall, Summer Street, where the various Lodges assembled until the completion of the present Temple. The corner stone of the latter building was laid by the Grand Lodge October 14, 1864, and Columbian with full ranks joined in the long and brilliant procession on that occasion, and closed the day with an elegant banquet.

At the Annual Meeting in December, 1864, the membership of the Lodge was 284. During the year then closed the Lodge had lost by death R. W. Past Grand Master, J. B. Flint, whose portrait now hangs in Sutton Hall, Gardner Greenleaf and J. B. Hammatt, from our Honorary Members; and Major Keyes, whose gallantry had secured him a commission in the Regular Army, died of wounds received in battle. At this meeting also the Lodge passed appropriate Resolutions on the death of Wor. Bro. Samuel Smith, Past Master, and of Bro. Benjamin Stevens, for many years the Marshal of Columbian and well known as the popular and efficient Sergeant-at-arms of the State Legislature.

In January following, the fees for the degrees were established at \$50. In March of the same year, a petition for the formation of another new Lodge from the member-

ship of Columbian was presented; Bro. John M. Rodocanachi, now Consul for the Kingdom of Greece, was one of its active promoters, and the name proposed for the new daughter of Columbian was, most appropriately, "The Lodge of Eleusis." The petition was signed by twenty-two brethren, including several of our former officers, and though granted with fraternal good-will, the Lodge parted with the retiring Brethren with deep regret.

On Sunday, April 1, 1865, the Lodge held the first Lodge of Scrow ever opened in Boston, in memory of the unusually large number of its members who had recently deceased: Thorndike Hall was draped in mourning; the names of thirteen Brethren displayed on tablets, hung upon the walls of the temple, and a catafalque occupied the usual place of the altar. The Scriptures were read by the Rev. Bro. O. T. Walker, Chaplain of the Lodge, an eulogistic address was delivered by Rev. Bro. Wm. R. Alger, and appropriate music, conducted by Bro. Charles C. Wentworth, gave added solemnity to the occasion. The meeting was attended by the wives and daughters of our members, and by many prominent Masons.

In December, 1865, the membership had increased to 303, and the Funds to upwards of \$8,000. At the March Communication following, the beautiful working tools of silver, now used by the Lodge, were ordered.

The Annual Communication in December, 1866, showed that our membership was 290, and our Funds had increased to \$8,484. In January, 1867, the M. W. Grand Lodge appealed to the Fraternity throughout the State, inviting the Lodges to aid in meeting the cost of erecting the new Temple; our Lodge referred the subject to its Trustees for consideration; on the same evening the Officers were installed by the M. W. Charles C. Dame, Grand Master.

At the February Communication the Trustees reported that the whole property in cash and stock in the hands of the Trustees was \$7,000, and \$2,000 in the hands of the Treasurer, and recommended the Lodge to invest \$2,500, as asked for by the Grand Lodge, in Bonds of the Grand Lodge; this recommendation was adopted.

At the meeting in March, the Lodge took steps to make a creditable appearance at the approaching parade of the Fraternity, to be held on the Feast of St. John Baptist, and ordered a Banner to be painted, appointed a committee to secure a Band of Music, and to make the necessary arrangements. This committee were able to report in April that they had secured Brown's Brigade Band, at that time considered the best in the city, and in May the Lodge formally accepted the invitation of our Grand Lodge to join in the procession.

On the 24th of June the long expected Dedication took place, and one of the largest Masonic processions that ever moved through the streets of Boston, in which Columbian joined with full ranks, testified by its numbers and its enthusiasm to its joy that "the Temple was finished." After the ceremonies had been concluded the Lodge partook of a banquet, and the festivities of the day were brought to an appropriate close.

The requirements of the Grand Lodge for meeting the heavy expenses attendant on the construction of the Temple, gave much anxiety to the Fraternity; various plans were considered by the Grand Lodge, and finally a Commutation tax was laid upon the affiliated Masons throughout its jurisdiction. This was decided upon after much consultation, and met with the approval of the Grand Lodge by a nearly unanimous vote. The Brethren were given the option of paying \$1.00 annually for a term of ten

years, or of commuting the annual tax by a single payment, which would free any Lodge which chose to accept that alternative from a tax upon such members as it might afterwards receive. It was hoped that a sufficient number of the Lodges would choose to commute, and that in this way the debt might be so reduced that the annual payments from those Lodges which preferred to pay annually would not only meet the interest, but also gradually reduce the principal; so that at the expiration of the time the debt would be so nearly liquidated that it would not be a burden. Our Lodge discussed the matter at several communications, and differences of opinion as to the best policy were manifest. The desirability of at once reducing the principal of the Grand Lodge debt, and of thus making the interest charges less, commended itself to Columbian, and to some other Lodges, and an amount sufficient to relieve our membership from any further call was voted to be paid from our Funds, and was gratefully acknowledged by the Grand Lodge. In order to replace the amount thus withdrawn, our quarterages were raised from two to five dollars.

The amount received for commutation of this tax however proved insufficient, and the income from the annual payments went but little way towards reducing the debt; interest was promptly paid, but the pressure required the most earnest thought on the part of those entrusted with the care of the Grand Lodge credit.

At the expiration of ten years, when it was hoped that the debt of the Grand Lodge would have been largely extinguished, (as it would have been had all the Lodges commuted,) the Grand Lodge found itself obliged to lay another tax of \$10.00 on each affiliated Mason, or an optional payment of \$1.00 annually, for fifteen years, on

those Lodges who preferred to take that method. Columbian again responded promptly by the payment from her invested Funds of the amount required from each member, and gave its Brethren the same privilege of refunding that the Grand Lodge had offered to its subordinates. Most of the members at once paid the whole of their individual tax; others paid in instalments, and at the present time the amount last withdrawn has been nearly all replaced. Zealous efforts were made by the Grand Master and his associate officers to lay the desirability of commuting in its true light before the Brethren; personal appeals by other prominent and persuasive members were made, until nearly every Lodge in the jurisdiction which had not at once commuted was visited, with the happy result that during the administration of Grand Master Lawrence the entire debt was extinguished; and the announcement was made at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1883, (its One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary), that there was no longer any incumbrance on our beautiful Temple; a general rejoicing of the whole Fraternity throughout the jurisdiction followed, and many hearts were filled with thankfulness that the long desired plan of establishing a large Charity Fund, and of other like benefits to distressed widows and orphans, could be inaugurated. The Grand Charity Fund is an assured fact; constant and liberal additions are annually made to its principal, and the time is not distant when every want of the deserving poor among our Fraternity, and the widows and orphans of our deceased Brethren will have their wants supplied, while the plans of the Grand Lodge further contemplate the erection at no distant day of an Institution for educational and charitable purposes, and for the benefit of those who must look to the benevolence of the Order for support and aid in preparation for the duties of life.

Returning now to the immediate history of our Lodge, we find that at the meeting in September, 1867, the Executive were appointed a committee with full powers to secure some accomplished brother as Organist, and to provide suitable books so that music might have a more prominent place in the work of the Lodge. At the following Annual Meeting the Lodge voted to hold a Public Installation, and on the evening of January 2, 1868, R. W. James A. Fox conducted the ceremonies of inducting the newly elected officers into their stations in an eloquent and impressive manner. Past Grand Master Parkman presented Wor. Bro. Stearns, the retiring Master, with an elegant jewel, and then the Brethren with their ladies and guests repaired to the Banquet Hall, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion and brilliantly lighted. Here an hour was pleasantly passed, and dancing closed the evening, long after "low twelve" had sounded. The prosperity of the Lodge for the year is shown by the fact that at the Annual Meeting in December, 1868, our membership had reached 327.

At the meeting of November 3, 1870, the Lodge ordered the preparation of a design for the Members' jewel, which has since been worn. At a Special Meeting, held November 30, our venerable Brother Silas Warren invited the Lodge to attend his golden wedding, which occurred that evening, and R. W. Bro. Coolidge was appointed to present the sincere regards of the Lodge to Bro. Warren, with a purse of gold dollars, and after the Lodge closed a large number of the members visited his residence and congratulated our Brother on the happy occasion.

At the Annual Meeting in December, 1870, Columbian had 339 members, and it was proposed to give the privilege of Life Membership with exemption from further dues

to those who had been members twenty-five years; a plan which was carried into effect the year after, and the necessary changes in the By-Laws made. The Lodge also voted to hold another Public Installation, which occurred January 5, 1871, and fully equaled, if it did not surpass, those which preceded it.

April 6, 1871, the Lodge heard with sorrow of the death of its former Chaplain, the Rev. Father Taylor, well known as the devoted pastor of the Seaman's Bethel, who had been initiated in Columbian Lodge. He was buried with Masonic honors.

In June the Lodge was called to the painful duty of summoning its entire membership to the trial of two of its members, against whom charges of unmasonic conduct had been preferred; they were found guilty, and expelled from the Order. In October the Lodge held a Special Communication for the burial of Bro. Peter Dunbar, a well known citizen, and his remains were interred at Mt. Auburn, with Masonic ceremonies, under the direction of our Brother Robert C. Nichols, the Marshal of the Lodge, whose services on that occasion will long be remembered by the Brethren. In the same month the Lodge appropriated Five Hundred Dollars for the relief of our distressed brethren in Chicago, sufferers by the conflagration which had swept over that city.

At the Annual Meeting in December, 1871, upwards of \$1,000 was added to our invested Funds, and a committee was appointed to consider the subject of placing on the walls of Sutton Hall the portraits of those of our Past Masters who had been Grand Masters. This resulted in obtaining the likenesses of Past Grand Masters Flint and Coolidge, which not long since were presented to the Grand Lodge by Columbian.

At the October Communication, 1872, Wor. Bro. Marvin invited the Past Masters of Columbian to fill the various chairs, and work the third degree; his invitation was accepted, and our venerable Brother George G. Smith, our Senior Past Master, who first served in that position in 1826, took the East, Bro. David Tillson the West, Bro. Peter C. Jones the South, Bro. Wm. W. Baker the Senior Deacon's wand, Bro. Wm. D. Coolidge that of the Junior Deacon, Bros. John T. Heard, and Wm. B. Fowle acted as Stewards, Bro. R. L. Robbins as Marshal, Bros. Sylvester Trull, Wm. H. Kennard and George M. Baker assisted, Bro. Josiah A. Stearns served as Chaplain, and Bro. Marvin as Inside Sentinel; every working chair being thus filled with Past Masters. Every Past Master living, then connected with the Lodge, with a single exception, was present, and he, a resident of New York, was unable to attend. The hall was crowded with members and visitors, and the dignity, composure and memory of our venerable Bro. Smith, and the grace with which the entire ritual was rendered, was most gratifying to all; Bros. A. B. Babcock and Clarence S. Tilden were raised to the sublime degree in ancient form. The evening will long remain among our pleasantest recollections.

One of the memorable events in our annals, was the visit of His Majesty, Kalakaua, the King of the Hawaiian Islands, to Columbian Lodge. It occurred on the evening of January 7, 1874, while Wor. Bro. Wm. J. Stevens was the Master. Our royal guest was an ardent Mason, and did not disdain "to lay aside the sceptre for the trowel," and study our mysteries. He was seated in the East, near the Master's chair, and the ceremonies of the Master Mason's degree were conferred in full form on Bro. Robert W. Williams, and in a very impressive manner. Many

distinguished Masons were present, including Bro. Bradlaugh, the well known Member of Parliament, the Grand Master and his Deputy for the First District, and other officers of the Grand Lodge: the Worshipful Masters of most of the Boston Lodges and a great throng of visiting Brethren joined to welcome the guests of the evening. At the close of the work the Lodge repaired to the Banquet Hall, which was specially decorated for the occasion, and partook of a Feast of good things, spread by Bro. J. B. Smith, the caterer, who had not long before received his degrees in St. Andrew's Lodge, and whose devoted attentions to his Majesty were none the less assiduous because like himself he was of "very dark complexion." Speeches were made by the King, by Past Grand Master Winslow Lewis, an initiate of Columbian, by Bro. Bradlaugh, and many others, and the Brethren kept up the festivities till "low Twelve."

On the second of January, 1878, Bro. John Bigelow, who had for thirty years served as our Treasurer, was called from us; devotedly attached to the Lodge, throughout the long period in which he so efficiently discharged the duties of his office, he was rarely absent from our meetings. The Lodge passed appropriate Resolutions on his death. Wor. Bro. Stevens was elected as his successor, and has been annually re-elected ever since. One of the first duties of Bro. Stevens was to carry into effect the vote of the Lodge instructing him to send a check for One Hundred Dollars to the Masons of Louisiana, who were suffering from the ravages of yellow fever.

November 10, 1878, our venerable Brother Silas Warren, whose golden wedding was attended by many of our Lodge a few years previous, as has already been mentioned, passed away, and the officers of the Lodge by his request,

rendered the last tributes of the Order. Thirteen members of the Lodge deceased during the year. Before the year closed the Lodge was summoned to attend the funeral of our venerable senior Past Master and Past Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. George G. Smith, who was interred in Copps Hill Cemetery, on the 22d December. By his desire the Lodge gave him Masonic burial, and a very large procession of Brethren accompanied his remains to their last resting place.

The Records of the Lodge during the years we are now reviewing are crowded with Memorials of our elder Brethren; beside those named above, was Bro. John McClellan, for many years the able and accurate Secretary of Columbian, to whose labors Bro. Heard was much indebted in preparing his History. He was at the time Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, and a charter member of Revere, the eldest daughter of our Lodge. At the meeting in February, 1879, the Lodge ordered a Minute testifying to his Masonic virtues to be spread upon its Records. We must pass over the names of many other Brethren, who have deceased, leaving more particular mention to be made of them in the contemplated History.

In January, 1880, the Lodge was presented with the silver Past Master's Jewel, long worn by our Brother George G. Smith. It is valued by the Lodge not merely for the antiquity of its design, being of a form no longer used by Lodges of the present day, but especially as a pleasant memento of one of our most esteemed officers.

At the Annual Meeting, 1880, it was reported that our invested Funds had been reduced to \$5,000, the sum of \$2,780 having been paid the Grand Lodge, to meet the Commutation tax. A gloom was thrown over this meeting by the announcement of the death of Past Grand Master

Heard, whose services to this Lodge and the Craft need no eulogy at our hands ; he is said to have been the only Grand Master who visited every subordinate Lodge in the jurisdiction, during his term of office. His Funeral was attended by the Grand Lodge, and by Columbian, on the 3d December, Wor. Bro. Josiah A. Stearns, Past Master and Chaplain of Columbian, officiating as Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, and our Lodge soon after printed a Tribute to his Memory, prepared by Past Grand Master Coolidge.

At the November Meeting, 1881, the Lodge received a communication from the M. W. Grand Lodge, formally announcing the death of Bro. JAMES A. GARFIELD, President of the United States, and the Lodge ordered the regalia and banner of the Lodge to be draped in mourning as a mark of respect to his memory.

At the Annual Meeting in December, 1881, the Lodge were honored for the first time in many years by an official visit from the M. W. Grand Master, Samuel C. Lawrence, who assumed the East and installed R. W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, P. G. M., as Recording Grand Secretary, and remained with us during the Installation of Wor. Bro. Gillette. At the June meeting in 1882, the Lodge had the pleasure of greeting as a visitor, Wor. Bro. Michael Davis, of the Lodge of Israel, of Birmingham, England ; a banquet followed the work, when the ancient punch bowl and pitchers of the Lodge were put into active use.

At the Annual Meeting in December, 1882, the roll of members showed 254 names, of whom 48 were life members ; a comparison of this number with that reported in previous years, renders evident the severe losses we have sustained by the hand of death during the period we have been considering. This was the last meeting at which Bro. William Martin was with us ; he died while the Lodge

was in session at the Regular Communication in January, 1883, and information of his death being communicated to the Worshipful Master, he immediately closed the Lodge from respect to his memory. His funeral was attended with Masonic services on the following Sunday. Bro. Martin served the Lodge as its Secretary for twenty-one years. A memorial page was inserted in the Records in his honor by order of the Master. At the April meeting following, the Lodge was presented by his widow with a beautiful silver Pitcher, which had been given to our venerable Brother 'Father Martin,' the father of our late Secretary; the gift was thankfully accepted, and placed among the treasured memorials of Columbian Lodge.

September 12, 1883, the Lodge held a Special Communication to attend the Funeral of our beloved Chaplain and Past Master, Bro. Josiah A. Stearns, which took place at his late residence in Bedford, Mass. After appropriate services in the Church in that town, when the Rev. Edward G. Porter gave a feeling address, the Lodge under escort of Joseph Warren Commandery, K. T., in which body Wor. Brother Stearns was Prelate, moved to the Cemetery and committed his remains to the earth with the customary Masonic rites.

At the Annual Meeting in December, 1883, the roll showed a net gain of but one member, though the Invested Funds had grown to something over \$6,000. Rt. Wor. Bro. Rowe, Past Grand Master of Connecticut, acting under a special dispensation of our Grand Master, installed Wor. Bro. Cameron and the other officers, and delivered an eloquent Charge to the Lodge, which is spread upon our Records. At this meeting the Lodge voted to present to the Grand Lodge, on its approaching One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary, the Portraits of Past Grand

Masters Flint and Coolidge, which hang on the walls of Sutton Hall.

The Annual Meeting in December, 1884, was made particularly interesting by the announcement of a discovery, in an old file of the *Columbian Centinel*, of accounts of two Banquets of "The Columbian Society," from which Columbian Lodge derived its origin. The Lodge voted at this meeting to hold a Public Installation, which accordingly took place at a Special Communication, December 29th, so near the Feast of St. John Evangelist that the two occasions were happily blended. Hon. Abraham H. Howland, M. W. Grand Master, performed the ceremonies, installing Wor. Bro. Young and his associates, and Rev. Bro. Israel gave a most eloquent and impressive charge to the Lodge. A superb banquet followed, when Wor. Bro. Charles W. Stevens delivered a bright and witty Poem, full of significance to the Craft, though not so clearly understood by the ladies who were the guests; addresses were made by many prominent Masons, and the occasion was a "red-letter day" in our history. A full account of the event is spread upon our Records.

During the administration of Wor. Bro. Young the Lodge established a "Members' Fund," which already exceeds \$2,000, and as it accumulates in the future, will serve to relieve the distress of the widows and orphans of our Brethren. The events which have followed since this Installation are fresh in the memories of all, and must be passed over very briefly. The approaching Centennial of the Lodge has led to the foundation of a Centennial Fund, with which it is hoped, that interesting event in our history, June 8th, 1895, will be fitly celebrated in due time.

When the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company (a body which ever since the formation of Columbian Lodge

has numbered many of our members in its ranks,) celebrated its quarter-millennial, an invitation was given to the parent Company, the "Honourable Artillery of London," commanded by H. R. H. Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, and Grand Master of English Freemasons, to participate with them on the occasion. It came to the knowledge of Wor. Bro. Folsom, one of our Past Masters and a Past Commander of the "Ancients," that in the delegation from England there would be a number of Masons: an invitation to these Brethren to visit us at our June Communication was forwarded, and accepted. Special preparations were made to give a hearty greeting to our English Brethren, and when the evening came, Sutton Hall was crowded with Masons desirous of doing what they could to welcome our guests. Ten of the London Artillery were present, among them Major Alfred Durrant, commanding the detachment, Capt. C. Woolmer Williams, the Honourary Secretary, and the Brethren of the party represented nine different English Lodges: they were given seats in the East, and witnessed, with much interest and pleasure, an impressive rendering of the sublime degree of Master Mason which, while of course substantially the same, yet varies slightly from the mode in which that degree is conferred abroad; the praise they gave the Lodge was very gratifying to our members. The Grand Master with his Deputy, his Wardens, and several other officers of that body, the Worshipful Masters' Association, 34 Past or present Presiding Masters of Boston Lodges, 20 of sister Lodges outside the city, and Brethren representing in all more than fifty different Lodges, 73 members of the Ancient and Honourable Artillery Company, His Excellency the Governor, (Bro. Ames,) an Honorary Member of Columbian, and a very large number of our own members, in all 220 Masons, filled

the hall. The musical portion of the Ritual, including an Ode of welcome written for the occasion, was rendered by the Temple Quartette, under the direction of Bro. Gerrish, our Organist; and a banquet, at which many eloquent and stirring speeches were made by our visitors, closed the evening, which will never cease to be remembered in Columbian Lodge.

The pleasant task assigned to the Committee of reviving these brilliant memories must now be concluded; but enough we hope has been given to make it evident that our new Historical volume, which it is hoped will be published at no distant day, will be no less interesting than that which has already appeared. With our membership nearly as large as the greatest number it has ever attained, with our funds increasing, with "Charity, peace and love" filling the hearts of our Brethren, the "starry-decked heavens" above us are darkened by no cloud, but seem radiant with promise and hope.





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